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Classified By: Political Minister-Counselor David D. Pearce for reasons
1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) Poloff raised reftel points with MFA Caribbean and Central America Office Director Michele Pala on July 9. He also provided detailed background information and urged that the GOI look for opportunities to help expand internet access for Cuban civil society.

¶2. (C) Pala said that Italy is aware of the Cuban Government's efforts to restrict internet access. He emphasized that Italy's policy toward Cuba includes dialog with the political opposition, but that because of the small size of the Italian embassy in Havana, offering internet access to Cubans there would not be practical.

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